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INFORMATION CIRCULAR*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "TRANSPORTATION" STAMPS

Commemorative stamps

1. On Friday, 29 August 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three commemorative stamps on the theme "Transportation" to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of two United Nations regional commissions, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

2. The stamps will be issued in sheets of 20 stamps, consisting of four horizontal se-tenant strips of five stamps each. The denominations will be 32 cents, 0.70 Swiss francs and 7 schillings. The se-tenant strips are the unit of sale. The stamps were designed by Michael Cockcroft (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

32 cents
($1.60 per se-tenant strip)

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 30 August 1997.

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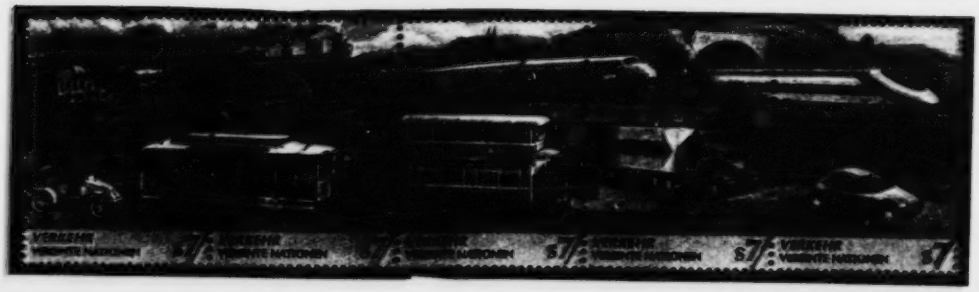
(United States equivalent: $2.43 per se-tenant strip,
subject to exchange rate fluctuation)



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(United States equivalent: $2.89 per se-tenant strip,
subject to exchange rate fluctuation)

General information

3. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets only.

4. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first-day covers on Friday, 29 August, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.